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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, OCON, UNESCO

SUBJECT: U. S. INITIATIVE RE DEPOLITICIZATION

REF: NAIROBI 13208

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY REINHARDT

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF NAIROBI  
SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO FURTHER EFFORTS TO DEPOLITICIZE  
UNESCO AND WELL UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED. WHILE  
A STATEMENT BY M'BOW WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, IT IS UNLIKELY  
TO HAVE SAME MEDIA IMPACT IN U. S. AS WOULD FORMAL  
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ADOPTION BY GC OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FURTHER PROGRESS

AND/OR ASKING EX BD TO UNDERTAKE STUDY OF WHAT COULD BE DONE PRIOR TO NEXT GC. (IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE CABLING TEXT OF EDITORIAL IN YESTERDAY'S EDITION OF "NEW YORK TIMES" EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR YOUR "ELOQUENT PLEA FOR HALTING THE POLITICIZATION OF UNESCO", NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH GC "HAS NOT ATTAINED THAT LOFTY OBJECTIVE... IT HAS BROUGHT UNESCO PART OF THE WAY BACK," AND CONCLUDING WITH COMMENT THAT "IN LIGHT OF ISRAEL'S REINSTATEMENT, THE U. S. MIGHT WELL CONSIDER RESUMPTION OF PAYMENT OF ITS DUES..." )

2. IN OUR JUDGMENT, BEST COURSE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:  
UPON YOUR RETURN TO NAIROBI, YOU SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT

WITH M'BOW FOR TOUR D'HORIZON OF GENERAL CONFERENCE. YOU SHOULD USE MEETING TO CONFIRM THAT M'BOW SHARES VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BOISSIER-PALUN AND KABORE ON DEPOLITICIZATION INITIATIVE YOU HAD RAISED WITH THEM AT REQUEST OF DEPT. ASSUMING M'BOW DOES SHARE THOSE VIEWS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD PRESS HIM TO TAKE OR PROMOTE ANY ACTION AT THIS GENERAL CONFERENCE. INSTEAD, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD DEPOLITICIZATION AND SEEK TO DRAW M'BOW OUT ON: A) TYPE OF STATEMENT HE HAS IN MIND AND B) WHAT FURTHER HE THINKS CAN BE DONE -- BY HIMSELF, OR OTHERS (INCLUDING USG) -- TOWARD SOME GOAL IN FUTURE (PURPOSE WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE STRONG STATEMENT BY M'BOW AND, TO THIS END, YOU SHOULD AGAIN STRESS USEFULNESS OF SUCH A STATEMENT AS WE BEGIN TO DISCUSS WHAT HAS BEEN PORTRAYED AS "MIXED" RESULTS. YOU COULD LEAD INTO DISCUSSION OF DEPOLITICIZATION BY MAKING TWO POINTS WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE MADE IN ANY CASE: WE WANT M'BOW TO KNOW U. S. HAS GREATLY VALUED ROLE OF LEADERSHIP HE HAS PLAYED AT CONFERENCE; WE ARE ALSO VERY APPRECIATIVE OF HIS INNOVATIVE DNG CONCEPT -- CONCEPT WHICH IN OUR VIEW HAS IMPLICATIONS EXTENDING FAR BEYOND UNESCO, PERHAPS FOR ENTIRE UN SYSTEM. (WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN M'BOW'S OWN ASSESSMENT OF DNG AND WHETHER/HOW HE PLANS TO USE IN FUTURE.)

3. UNLESS YOU SEE DISADVANTAGES TO THIS COURSE, SUGGEST  
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YOU HAVE USDEL ARRANGE MEETING WITH M'BOW AT EARLIEST MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AFTER YOUR RETURN TO NAIROBI.

4. IN ABSENCE OF COMPELLING REASONS OR INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD REMAIN IN NAIROBI UNTIL END OF CONFERENCE. ROBINSON

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